पड़ते और वहां काफी घुमावदार चढ़ाई है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार राष्ट्रीय-राजमार्ग संख्या 33 पर उक्त तैमारा घाटी में होने वाली दुर्घटनाओं को रोकने के लिए सड़क को चौड़ा करने का विचार रखती है, यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री (श्री टी० जी० वेंकटरामन): (क) से (ग) इस स्थल पर दुर्घटनाएं होने की सूचना मिली है। ऐसा पता चला है कि ये दुर्घटनाएं मुख्यतया भारी संखया में वाहनों के कारण होती है, जो अत्यधिक ढलान को सफलतापूर्वक पार नहीं कर पाते। अल्पावधि उपाय के रूप में "पेव्ड शोल्डर्ज" के निर्माण के लिए संस्वीकृति दे दी गई है, जिनसे यातायात को राहत मिलेगी। इसके अतिरिक्त ज्यामितीय सुधारों की जांच की जा रही है।

Textile Mills in Punjab

*349. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of textile mills in Punjab;

(b) the performance of these mills during 1996-97;

(c) the number of textile mills run by the private entrepreneurs, cooperative societies, State or Central organisations, sector-wise;

(d) the number of sick or closed textile mills in the State;

(e) the number of workers rendered unemployed as a result thereof; and

(f) the steps being taken by Government for their rehabilitation?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) There were 37 (36 spinning and 1 composite) cotton/manmade fibre textile mills as on 31.12.96, in the State of Punjab.

(b) As per provisional figures available for the period April, 96-Jan., 1997, the production of yarn was 126.854 million kg. and of cloth 40.136 million sq. meters by these mills.

(c) The management-wise break-up of the cotton/manmade fibre textiles mills as on 31.12.96 is given below:—

Type of Management	No. of Cotton/manmade fibre textile mills in Punjab
Central Public Sector	4
Co-op. Sector	7
Private Sector	26
	37

(d) to (f) Of the above 37 mills, one mill *viz.*, M/s. JCT Ltd., Kapurthala which had 6675 workers, is reported to be lying closed since 7.1.97 on account of a strike by its workers.

M/s. Punjab Spg. & Wvg. Mills Ltd., Bhatinda was registered with BIFR as sick on 31.1.97. This Mill is reported to be working.

Bogus Freedom Fighters

*350. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Press reports about 4,000 bogus freedom fighters in Andhra Pradesh alone;

(b) if so, Government's estimate of the number of bogus freedom fighters all over the country;

(c) the amount being spent by the Centre and the States on all these freedom fighters in cash and kind and service in one year; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to weed out bogus freedom fighters?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) to (d) A press report under the caption "Fake freedom fighters thriving in Andhra" had appeared in the Hindustan Times in its issue dated 1-3-1997. According to this press report,